REMARKS

The 5 January Notice to File Corrected Application Papers requested a replacement Figure 3 and stated that the drawings must be in dark ink (not pencil), except where color drawings or photographs are permitted.

Figure 3 is not a drawing. Figure 3 is a reproduction of a photograph made through an optical microscope of the crystal structure (referred to as microstucture) of a steel, being an embodiment of the subject matter of the application. From a 28 January 2004 telephone call to the Initial Patent Examination Division, we understand that the Figure 3 received by the US Patent and Trademark Office is of poor quality and does not properly show the steel microstructure. We understand the enclosed replacement Figure 3 to be an accurate photographic representation of the relevant steel microstructure.

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